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11-13-2011, 11:41 PM #1

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2000 SW2

How-to: Remove and replace saturn transmission

Here's a how-to video series on how to remove and replace your automatic transmission.

The manual is essentially the same, except for the clutch hydros and the shifter cables.

The first video was shot with my MTB helmet cam and the sound is a bit low.

Part 1:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PCD4P9YIE7g>

Part 2:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kau4C5xsjZw>

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11-14-2011, 12:54 AM #2

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1997 SL2

Re: How-to: Remove and replace saturn transmission

Another great effort Shawn! I saw a couple of minor things skipped but probably nothing worth mentioning? Kudo's on doing it by yourself. I'd certainly get my son to help if I needed to swap one.

Too bad on the sound in the first one. The wife btch'd about the BONG of you pulling it out of the wheel well. 😞 It did make the sub vibrate quite a bit.

...
1997 - SL2, barebones, 161k, Auto - Rebuild complete and.. burnt a valve 20k later Arrgh!
Purchased 114k 10/07
Added OEM CC

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11-14-2011, 12:25 PM #3

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2000 SW2

 **Re: How-to: Remove and replace saturn transmission**

Quote:

Originally Posted by **off-track** *Another great effort Shawn! I saw a couple of minor things skipped but probably nothing worth mentioning? Kudo's on doing it by yourself. I'd certainly get my son to help if I needed to swap one.**Too bad on the sound in the first one. The wife btch'd about the BONG of you pulling it out of the wheel well. 😞
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Thanks! Please do add anything that you think would be helpful!

I do all my saturn work alone and I forgot to mention that a auto tranny swap takes me about 5 hours, depending on how much time it takes to un-mate and re-mate the tranny.

Oh and I'm glad your bass is working! 😊

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#4

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1999 SL2

 **Re: How-to: Remove and replace saturn transmission**

I've said this before, but noone believes me. If the brake lines are in good condition, it's a lot easier to unbolt the master brake cylinder and bend it up and towards the fender. Then lift the trans up and out of the car. Might not be possible with an autotragic, but is very do-able with the manual.

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2000 SW2

 **Re: How-to: Remove and replace saturn transmission**

Hmm.. I've never done it like that, but how can it be easier working against gravity with a transmission rather than with gravity? Have you removed the tranny through the wheel well for comparison?

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2000 SC2

 **Re: How-to: Remove and replace saturn transmission**

We have a Saturn transmission removal video as well. We did it a little diffrent.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BP-By05J37w>...
Mike-1991 Turbo SL2.
11.809 @ 116.488 mph
www.differentracing.com-2000 SC2
-2001 Limited Edition SC2 (#78)
-2001 Chevrolet Suburban
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#7

dano2201Junior Member
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1998 SC1

I just did the r & R to the tranny in my 1998 SC1, to replace clutch. I hadn't done anything like that in 30 years. went pretty smooth, except for getting the right tools to do some of the job. INstallation went good, infact too good. Everything was falling in place too easy. Went to put fluid in it and it leaked out as fast as i was putting it in. Turns out I sliced the left output shaft seal. Got everything apart for that job, now I don't have a seal driver to get the new seal in place. anyone got leads as to wear I can get the proper seal driver? If you is familar with that seal, you'll know that it is domed out, making it impossible to use the trusty ole 2x4 as a driver.

Thanks for any information,
dano

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